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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : March 18, 2003
J. P. Brezin, et al : Group Art No.: 2172
Serial No. 09/282,860 : Examiner: J. Fluierantin
Filed: March 31, 1999 : for IBM Corporation
Anne Vachon Dougherty
Title: OPTIMIZATION OF SYSTEM 3173 Cedar Road
PERFORMANCE BASED ON Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
COMMUNICATION RELATIONSHIP

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONSE (37 CFR 1.17(a))

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Petition for Extension
of Time for Response (37 CFR 1.17(a)). The period for
response to the Office Action in the above-identified

application, which was set to expire on February 18, 2003, will now expire on March 18, 2003. Applicants include a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the one month extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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